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Tom McGowan, 720 South Casino Center Boulevard. I will be brief.

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The underground storage of high-level nuclear waste constitutes anarchy by government edict -- understand what this is -- adversely impacted upon the public interest.

There's no nice way to characterize it. That's what it is, anarchy by government, by edict.

If any of you played a part in that, the progressive discussions of where they're going to put a repository and when and to put it underground, please raise your hands.

Seeing none, there were none, obviously. Not even you three. I'm sure of that.

These amended guideline hearings -- and they're well intended. You are commended for your work and all your travel time, compensations, whatever else goes with it, but these hearings are irrelevant and a sham. Understand that clearly.

Since they're not interactive open public meetings, they're only unit directed audiences. The Pope grants an audience, the Nabob of Hyderabad grants an audience and the DOE/OCRWM/YMPO grants an audience.

They are conducted and facilitated by an over-centralized administration. You folks, you good people and decent people -- I mean this sincerely -- are functionaries.

You do your jobs very well, and in order to comply with the Congressional mandate to provide an opportunity, quote: "For public comment" or the appearance of it, which is advisory only and non-directive of the DOE/OCRWM/YMPO and of the Congress and the president of the United States.

You can't even tell the St. Tropez to bring coffee in here. They won't listen to you.

And these people are listening, but they're not doing what you want. They never will. The only ones who will do that is the Congress and the president. Only if you can uplift the chair, go to Washington and don't ask them, tell them. "You stop your anarchy because the preamble begins with three words." What are they?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: We the people.

MR. MCGOWAN: I'm sorry. I almost heard you. A little louder. Remember who you are. You are the people and the victims. So you go and do it.

One final note because you have a brother here for sovereign tribal nations. In my opinion should be here as a chief in full regalia offered the same amenities and respect and admiration as the king and queen of England.

Those are sovereign people. They're a different nation in our nation. They were taken over by us. They don't celebrate Columbus Day anymore because they helped them ashore, and we all know what happened after that. He was not very kind.

But the point I'm trying to make here -- and I will stop at that point. Thank you, Holmes.

MR. BROWN: Thanks.

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MR. McGOWAN: -- is that the treaty of Ruby Valley was -- was executed approximately eighty-five years before the discovery in 1842 at the Argon Laboratory at University of Chicago by Dr. Enrico Fermi of the first atomic chain reaction.

How could there possibly have been any provision in that treaty that would allow for the testing or for worse yet the storage of high-level nuclear waste anywhere on that land? Tell me how.

And never mind somebody broke the treaty or somebody didn't break the treaty or didn't know what they were talking about. They were just Native Americans.

They're not just anything. They are human beings. Same as any of us, maybe better, because they had the stewardship of the land as their responsibility.

They're not out to sell it, give it away, give it to somebody to -- to put their junk in or to test in the groundwater, above and in the air or under the surface anywhere.

That's not what they're allowed to do. They are stewards of the land in the spirit of the great spirit. And we need to understand what they understand.

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Instead of being egocentric, we need to be global in our view and we need to be holistic in our understanding and our approach to this issue, okay, because we are the ones who are responsible, and we cannot leave this legacy for not even one generation much less several hundred thousand.

I'm going to submit this paperwork.